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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Non-Final Office Action dated April 13, 2010, concerning the above-referenced patent application.

Amendments to the Abstract are presented as a new Abstract attached to this document to replace the previously submitted Abstract.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this document.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this document.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 7 of this document, and include an attached replacement drawing sheet and an annotated sheet showing the changes.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this document.